



## **Senate Resolution 2020-2021**

### **Black Lives Matter at Modesto Junior College**

**Whereas**, The California Community College “Vision for Success” states, “Our vision is to the point: making sure students from all backgrounds succeed in reaching their goals and improving their families and communities”, and

**Whereas**, The YCCD mission statement states, “the Yosemite Community College District is committed to responding to the needs of our diverse community through excellence in teaching, learning and support programs contributing to social, cultural, and economic development and wellness”, and

**Whereas**, MJC’s mission statement states, “we provide a dynamic, innovative, undergraduate educational environment for the ever-changing populations and workforce needs of our regional community”, and

**Whereas**, The ASMJC mission statement states, “to create cultural and ethnic awareness on campus and in the community; to ensure that all students voices are heard; to promote respect regardless of race, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender”, and

**Clarifying**, Black Lives Matter (BLM), international social movement, formed in the United States in 2013, dedicated to fighting racism and anti-Black violence, especially in the form of police brutality. The name Black Lives Matter signals condemnation of the unjust killings of Black people by police (Black people are far more likely to be killed by police in the United States than white people) and the demand that society value the lives and humanity of Black people as much as it values the lives and humanity of white people.

**Stating**, the Black Lives Matter phrase is intended to affirm the humanity of all Black people in the midst of deadly oppression in a country where long-standing racial disparities would suggest that Black lives really have not mattered, and

**Noting**, studies have revealed that a perception of general campus, academic and racial climate increase, and academic performance worsens, many students are occupied with trying to fit in on campus, to not feel socially secluded. Thus, this hinders their scholastic performance. In an attempt to raise poor grades, they reach out to peers and faculty for assistance. Therefore, it could be that the students who are at an academic risk are more likely to locate supportive networks on campus for additional help.

**Noting**, that the California Community College Mission is “put students first”, and Modesto Junior College’s enormous support for all students

**Stressing**, ASMJC is committed to hosting campus and community events that are welcoming and inclusive for ALL who attend or visit our college, and

**Emphasizing**, ASMJC is a student driven, student led organization and encourages diversity and cultural awareness, open mindedness through hosting conferences such as African American Education Conference, Hispanic Education Conference, and Pride Education Conference. Additionally, ASMJC hosts events such as Martin Luther King Legacy Week, Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta Week, Hispanic Heritage Week African American Heritage Week, Pride Education Week, Constitution Day, and

**Mindful**, by hosting diversity and cultural awareness events and activities on campus we help our student body prepare for the diversity that is to come when they transfer, and or go into the workforce furthering the purpose of California Community Colleges, and

**Furthermore**, our continued desire to serve evolving and changing student body ASMJC, strives to continue doing research, hearing our students’ needs and concerns, and including every student’s background in everything we do, be it

**Resolved**, The Associated Students of Modesto Junior College fully, unanimously, and whole-heartedly support the Modesto Junior College diverse student body. Additionally, we respectfully ask that the Yosemite Community College District and Modesto Junior College understand, acknowledge, and continue to fully support the events, conferences, and activities that focus on race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, age, physical abilities, religious beliefs, political beliefs, or other ideologies, and most importantly, students.

**Approved** on April 2, 2021

Yays – 11

Nays – 0